THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The treated effluent will be disposed off into Nira river basin downstream of existing drinking water schemes through a 8-10 km long pipeline laid in the natural nullah. Also, the company has entered into an agreement with Maharasthra State Irrigation Department for drawal of water from the Ujjaini dam.

(d) to (f) The State Government has assured that the Pollution Control Board will monitor the compliance of pollution control measures and related conditions before consent to operate is granted to the said project.

Marine Potential

5096. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the full potential of India's marine wealth has been exploited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any plan under implementation to exploit the full marine potential; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The marine fisheries production in 1995-96 is provisionally estimated at 27.07 lakh tonnes against the assessed potential in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone of 39.00 lakh tonnes. A substantial proportion of the potential is being exploited and marine fish production has grown at a satisfactory rate of 4.6% per annum in the period 1984-85 to 1995-96.

(d) and (e) The following schemes are implemented to exploit the full marine potential of the country:

1. Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries comprising:

(i) Motorisation of Traditional Craft;

(ii) Introduction of Intermediate Craft and Introduction of Plywood Craft.

(iii) Re-imbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD Oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessels below 20 mt. length.

2. Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Introduction of Artificial Reefs and Seafarming Projects.

3. Central Sector Scheme for Fishery Harbours at Major Ports and Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Minor Fishery Harbours and Fish Landing Centres.

These schemes will enable fishermen to go for longer voyages into the deeper water for both demersal and pelagic fisheries and to land the catch and turn around the boats faster for more voyages per annum.

Besides the above, the Ministries of Food Processing Industries and Commerce have also been implementing various schemes to exploit the marine fisheries potential of the country such as :

(1) Grant-in-Aid for Deep Sea Fishing and Processing.

(2) Grant-in Aid for Deep Sea Fishing for providing interest subsidy for acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels.

(3) Grant-in-Aid for Diversified Fishing.

(4) Fishery Survey of India.

(5) Export Production—Capture Fisheries.

(6) Export Production—Culture Fisheries.

(7) Introduction of New Technology and Modernisation.

Changing the Parts of Stolen Vehicles

5097. SHRI RAM SAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of criminal cases registered against the officials of the Delhi Police for changing the parts of the seized vehicles;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the guarantee/surety/proposal to be given to the effect that the goods seized during searches are not changed in the light of experience in this regard; and

(d) whether any official receipt of the items/goods seized, recovered or deposited by the persons including 'cash' is to be issued by the Police to the person from whom the items/goods are seized or recovered or to the person who deposits them including 'cash'?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Police, there was no such instance during the recent past.

(c) To avoid any misappropriation/pilferage/change in the properties seized and kept in Police Malkhana, Standing instructions for the safe custody of the case property have been issued. These instructions require the police personnel on duty to give full description of the articles seized (viz. kind of property, value, make, etc.) in

the Seizure Memo and to obtain the signatures of the witnesses present during the seizure. The SHO and other senior police officers make periodic verification of the property kept in the Malkhana.

(d) Section 100 Cr. PC provides that it is essential for the police officer to prepare a list at the time of seizure/recovery in the presence of two or more independent witnesses and such lists are also signed by these witnesses. Similar list is prepared in respect of items/cash deposited by any person with the police. Proper receipt is given as provided in the above section.

Criminal Cases Against VIPs

5098. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Secretary conducted any enquiry into the alleged criminal charges made against the former Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Taslimuddin);

(b) If so, the outcome of the enquiry made; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The Union Home Secretary had sought from the State Government of Bihar details of criminal cases in which Shri Taslimuddin was allegedly involved. Investigation into criminal cases is the responsibility of the Police.

Constitutional Breakdown in Bihar

5099. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Patna High Court in a judgement delivered on August 7, 1996 stated that there has been a constitutional breakdown in Bihar and that Article 356 of the Constitution should be invoked to deal with the situation; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) In deciding a writ petition challenging the dissolution of a Municipality in Bihar, the Patna High Court has made, inter alia, the following observation:

> "In the instant case there has been willful flouting of the orders of the Court by the State Government threatening one of the basic pillars of our Constitutional democracy amounting to a breaking down of the Constitutional machinery in the State calling for immediate remedial measure."

There is no proposal to invoke the provisions of article 356 of the Constitution in the instant case.

[Translation]

Development of Surat Railway Station

5100. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been chalked out for the development of Surat station of the Western Railway in view of the insufficient facilities available at this station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of amount provided for the development of Surat station;

(d) the time by which the development work of the said station would be commenced; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) Surat station has already been provided with amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled. To further augment the existing facilities, works of extension of foot-over-bridge and extension of cover over platforms have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh and are targetted for completion by December, 1997. A work for the provision of a new booking office on the East Side has also been sanctioned in 1996-97, at a cost of Rs. 12 lakh and shall be taken up after completion of the requisite formalities.

[English]

Case Against a Canadian National

5101. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a criminal case against a Canadian National having Canadian Passport was registered by the Badarpur Police Station on May 30, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Delhi police has not been able to locate his whereabouts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the SHO, Badarpur Police Station, New Delhi with the approval of his Asst. Commissioner of Police, requested the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within three weeks from the date of